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1 Video streaming company Netflix on Wednesday launched its services in 130 countries, covering almost the entire globe except China, as part of efforts to counter slowing growth in the United States. Shares of the company, whose popular shows include "House of Cards", "Orange Is the New Black" and "Narcos," rose 5.5 percent to $113.60 in afternoon trading. REUTERS

2ND GRAY DEATH TRIAL

2 On Wednesday a Maryland judge rejected a request to move the trial of a Baltimore police officer charged with murder in connection with the death of Freddie Gray out of the city. Gray died in April while in police custody. Baltimore City Circuit Court Judge Barry Williams denied a request by lawyers for Officer Caesar Goodson Jr., one of six officers facing criminal charges related to the incident, to move the trial out of the city due to the intense publicity that surrounded the riots that followed Gray's death. REUTERS

CHIPOTLE SUBPOENA

3 Chipotle said it was served with a grand jury subpoena in a federal criminal probe linked to a norovirus case in California last year. Shares of the chain fell over 5 percent to $424.13, as the company grapples with a wave of norovirus and E. coli outbreaks that have sickened customers and battered sales. REUTERS

883 FEET HIGH

7 Clarke Doig from Chicago looks out the windows at the new One Liberty Observation deck, 57 floors and 883 feet above the ground, inside the One Liberty Place skyscraper in Center City on Wednesday.

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SKELETAL REMAINS FOUND

4 Philadelphia police are investigating uncovered skeletal remains, the second such discovery in three days, found in a vacant lot by city workers. On the 400 block of E. Cambria Street in West Kensington, city workers found the human skeletal remains in a disused lot, NBC reported. JASON NUCKOLLS

APPLE FALLS BELOW $100

5 Apple shares Wednesday dropped below $100 for the first time in nearly five months following reports of slowing shipments of its iPhone 6S and 6S Plus. In afternoon trading, the stock briefly traded as low as $96.96, its lowest level since Aug. 24, a day when the entire stock market suffered a "flash crash." Apple shares traded as low as $92 that day. Apple shares have not closed below $100 since Oct. 20, 2014. The shares were last at $100.08 in late-afternoon trading. REUTERS

HEAD BUTT COACH

6 The Neshaminy School District has placed a high school basketball coach on administrative leave after video surfaced showing him allegedly headbutting a referee during a game. Neshaminy head coach Jerry Devine apparently headbutted a game official after a foul call, ABC has reported. JASON NUCKOLLS

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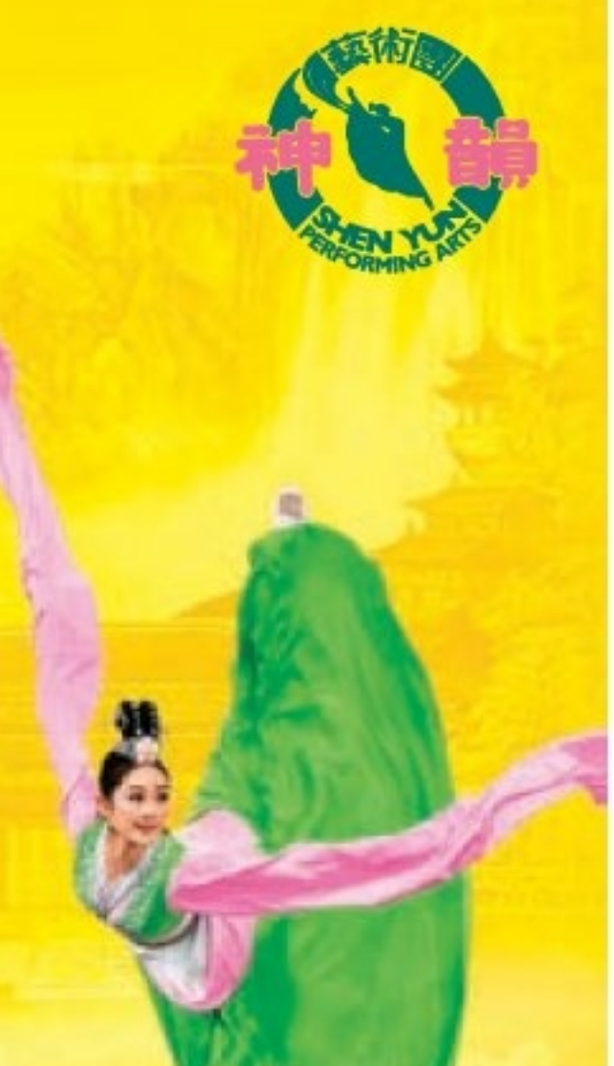

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After Obama's call for gun regs, Philly fires back.

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Gripping two AR-15s and with a third resting discreetly on his lap, Jordan Rushie maintains a fortress in Fishtown, but gunning in the Poconos is where he'd rather be.

Rushie is a local attorney, firearm enthusiast and big-time Second Amendment backer. He invited Metro into his home Wednesday to take a look at his collection, and to hear his opinion on the executive orders issued by the White House this week.

President Barack Obama channeled the oft-emotional John Boehner when he teared up Tuesday to emphasize the need for tougher gun laws.

Obama enacted a new set of executive orders on guns in an effort to make them harder to get into the hands of those who would use them for harm.

In sum, the president called for a new requirement for all gun sellers to conduct background checks on gun buyers or face prosecution; hire new FBI and ATF agents; allocate $500 million for health care to those mentally unstable; and develop what he called "smart gun" technology," which remains to be seen.

"This is unconstitutional for the executive to usurp the legislature," Rushie told Metro.

"It really criminalizes citizens like me," he said.

"I think it's a very dangerous precedent. The main purpose of the constitution is to protect citizens from the government and make sure citizens have certain liberties.

"Apple [corporation] knows where I am at any given time, they know who I call and who I text. We're starting to get into an unhealthy relationship where corporations are able to mine vast amounts of data from us.

"I think [if] we're requiring fingerprint technology to have a gun, I think that's an extremely dangerous restriction. He mentioned executive action requiring background checks — just because somebody has a clean background doesn't mean somebody won't commit a crime. Adam Lanza was an example."

Shira Goodman is executive director of CeaseFirePA, a grassroots nonprofit organization working to reduce gun violence in Pennsylvania.

Goodman was at the White House Tuesday standing with Obama when he made his speech, and said that Pennsylvania has a lot of loopholes when it comes to people already in the regulatory system.

"It was emotional there. [Obama] was flanked by survivors," she said.

"We're really excited about the announcement and we think it's an important step in putting more steps in place, but we still need actions from Harrisburg and Washington. Clearly the president shares the nation's frustrations."

State Sen. Pat Toomey followed up quickly on the president's actions by issuing (in part) in the following statement:

"I continue to support background checks for all commercial sales of firearms to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and the dangerously mentally ill. This approach is similar to existing firearm regulations in Pennsylvania and is a common sense way to protect public safety. … The president has abused these actions in the past and exceeded the boundaries of the law. This should not be allowed under our constitutional framework."

Gun enthusiast and lawyer Jordan Rushie poses with some of his firearms in his North Philadelphia home. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

"This is unconstitutional for the executive to usurp the legislature."
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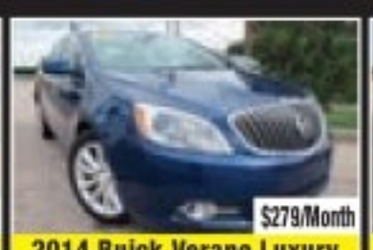
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Tiny town bore brunt of Cosby media circus

Cosby mansion SAM NEWHOUSE

Bill Cosby's stately mansion in Cheltenham Township is set back from the street by fields of green, a gated entrance with a "Private Property — No Trespassing" sign and several security cameras on the road leading up to his door.

But it's also the location of an alleged sex crime back in 2004 — and for that reason, when Cosby was arraigned on criminal charges on Dec. 30, it was in the tiny single-floor courthouse a few blocks away on a residential street.

On the other side of the Cosby headlines and nonstop cable news coverage were the residents of Montgomery Avenue in Elkins Park whose lives were briefly upended by the media whirlwind that descended on their town — with trucks from major news networks ranging from CNN to Telemundo parked on the street and multiple news choppers above.

"I was driving home, a mile away, and when I saw the helicopters above, I was like, 'Oh my God, what is happening in my hometown?'" recalled Dan Kalinowski, who lives down the street from the courthouse.

"I texted my wife. She was like, 'Yeah, it's Cosby," he said.

Lee Owen, the owner of nearby eatery Park Plates, had a similar disorienting moment when he arrived at his restaurant before they officially opened for business.

"I didn't know what was going on. I didn't know the arraignment was here," he said. "I went inside my restaurant and it was empty — the kitchen staff was gone — and I said, 'What is going on?'"

One irate commenter on social media raged about the incident, accusing Montco DA Kevin Steele of a "publicity stunt" and writing "You got moms coming off the train terrified seeing helicopters overhead, thinking there was a shooter on the loose!"

Most locals had no idea that the Cosby arraignment was coming to town, although charges and the arraignment were announced at 10 a.m. that morning by Steele. Steele's office and the office of Montgomery County Commissioner Josh Shapiro did not respond to requests for comment.

Cosby's Jan. 14 preliminary hearing was originally scheduled for the same tiny courthouse — but a court system spokesman confirmed Wednesday that the hearing will be delayed to an undetermined future date, and that it will take place in Montgomery County Court in Norristown, not Elkins Park.

For some Elkins Park residents, the Cosby arraignment did provide a boost to business. One woman who declined to give her name for job reasons said a magisterial district court employee sold cellphone video of Cosby to celebrity news website TMZ for $200.

Dan Weintraub, owner of Frank's Pizza down the street, said the media invasion brought some extra business, but overall it was a headache.

"It was a circus," he said. "All the parking was filled. There were TV vans from end to end down the street. It was a pain for my drivers."

Some national TV news network trucks stayed on Montgomery Avenue and some were there all night — so that, on CNN for example, their morning anchor could stand outside the courthouse while giving a morning update on the Cosby case.

"We went through a lot of slices that day," Weintraub said.

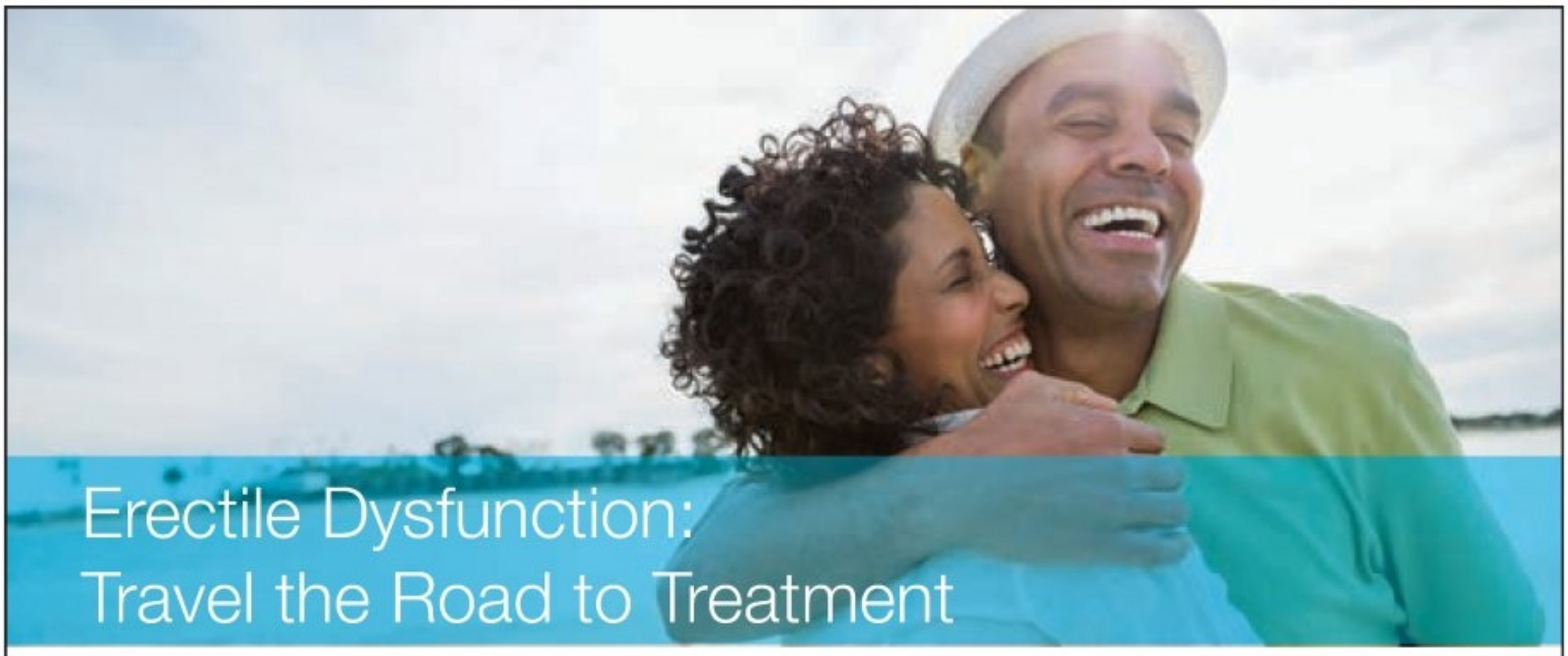
Other locals were more philosophical about the case, with some glad Cosby is facing charges, and others troubled that he lives so near to their town.

Local Paul Herr lives near the courthouse, and after seeing police block up the street went outside to watch the hullabaloo.

"I was proud that our small town of Elkins Park had finally brought the schoolyard bully to account. He's a predator," Herr said.

Ellen Sheppard said she saw Cosby's stately mansion for the first time Wednesday while on her way to the dentist.

"I've been following this and I've just been horrified," she said. "I thought he was a wonderful person. Is it multiple personalities? Why would you do that?"



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US officials and experts cast doubt on North Korea's H-bomb claim

It was the fourth time that North Korea has exploded a nuclear device.

North Korea said it successfully tested a powerful nuclear bomb on Wednesday, drawing criticism from world powers even though experts and the U.S. government doubt that the isolated nation's atomic weapons capability is as advanced as Pyongyang claims.

It unnerved neighbors South Korea and Japan and prompted an emergency meeting on Wednesday of the U.N. Security Council in New York.

While a nuclear test had long been expected, North Korea's assertion that it exploded a hydrogen device, much more powerful than an atomic bomb, came as a surprise. The White House said North Korea might not in fact have tested a hydrogen bomb.

The explosion caused an earthquake that was measured by the United States Geological Survey.

Pyongyang also said it was capable of miniaturizing, allowing a nuclear device to be adapted as a weapon and placed on a missile, potentially posing a new threat to the United States and its allies in Asia.

While the Kim government boasts of its military might to project strength globally, it also plays up the need to defend itself from external threats as a way to maintain control domestically.

The test drew world criticism, including from China and Russia. China, the major trade partner of North Korea, said it will lodge a protest with Pyongyang.

"Let the world look up to the strong, self-reliant nuclear-armed state."

Leader Kim Jong Un wrote in what North Korean state TV displayed as a handwritten note

Japan's meteorological agency officer Yohei Hasegawa displays a chart showing seismic activity after a North Korean nuclear test. GETTY IMAGES

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said any nuclear test would be a "flagrant violation" of U.N. Security Council resolutions. "The initial analysis is not consistent with the claim the regime has made of a successful hydrogen bomb test," he told reporters.

Conventional atomic bombs split atoms from heavier elements such as uranium or plutonium. They occur in one stage. The process is called fission. Hydrogen bombs have a second stage after fission. This fusion stage releases more energy.

North Korea has been under U.N. Security Council sanctions since it first tested an atomic device in 2006 and could face additional measures.

The Security Council said it would begin working immediately on significant new measures in response to North Korea, a threat diplomats said could mean an expansion of U.N. sanctions against Pyongyang.

It likely will take several days to determine more precisely what kind of nuclear device Pyongyang set off as a variety of sensors, including "sniffer planes," collect evidence.

South Korean intelligence officials and several analysts also questioned whether Wednesday's explosion was a test of a full-fledged hydrogen device, pointing to its having been roughly as powerful as North Korea's last atomic test in 2013.

Stocks across the world fell for a fifth consecutive day as the North Korea tension added to a growing list of geopolitical worries and China fueled fears about its economy by allowing the yuan to weaken further.

No countries were given advance warning of a nuclear test, South Korea's intelligence service said, according to lawmakers briefed by intelligence officials.

In previous such tests, Pyongyang had notified China, Russia and the United States beforehand, they said. REUTERS

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TransCanada sues US over pipeline rejection

Obama rejected the cross-border crude oil pipeline late last year, seven years after it was first proposed. TransCanada also filed legal action under the North American Free Trade Agreement, saying the pipeline permit denial was "arbitrary and unjustified."

TransCanada Corp. sued the U.S government in U.S. federal court on Wednesday, alleging President Barack Obama's rejection of the Keystone XL pipeline exceeded his power under the U.S. Constitution.

As part of the NAFTA claim, the company was seeking $15 billion.

Obama rejected Keystone in November, saying it would not make a meaningful long-term contribution to the U.S. economy.

In filing the NAFTA claim, TransCanada said it "had every reason to expect its application would be granted" as it had met the same criteria the U.S. State Department used when approving other similar cross-border pipelines.

The White House referred requests for comment to the U.S. State Department.

"We have undertaken a careful evaluation of the [U.S] Administration's action as it relates to NAFTA and believe there has been a clear violation of NAFTA in these circumstances," TransCanada said.

Demonstrators, celebrating President Obama's blocking of the Keystone XL oil pipeline, rally in front of the White House on Nov. 6, 2015. GETTY IMAGES

The separate claim, filed in federal court in Houston, does not seek legal damages but wants the permit denial invalidated. It also requests that no future presidential action be needed for construction to continue.

The Canadian company said it will also take an after-tax write down of C$2.5 billion ($1.78 billion) to C$2.9 billion in the fourth quarter after the permit denial.

TransCanada is also developing the Energy East pipeline, designed to move 1.1 million barrels per day of western crude to Canada's East Coast, although it too faces opposition from environmentalists trying to halt industry expansion. REUTERS

National Guard members arrested over bonus schemes

Seven New York Army National Guard members were arrested on Wednesday on charges they schemed to fraudulently obtain thousands of dollars in referral bonuses for recruiting dozens of new soldiers.

Recruiters Darryl Harrison and Evette Merced provided potential soldiers' personal information to four National Guard members who then falsely claimed referral bonuses on the recruits, according to a criminal complaint filed in Manhattan federal court.

Staff Sergeants Siul Celeste and Jeanette Arizaga and Sergeants Yesenia Adames and Renetta Edwards then kicked back thousands of dollars to Harrison and Merced, who as recruiters were not allowed to seek the bonuses, the complaint said.

Celeste, Arizaga, Adames and Edwards received bonuses totaling $111,000 for recruiting 60 soldiers, 47 of whom said they were not referred to the National Guard by them, the complaint said.

Another sergeant, Jefferson Simbanamuzo, who was also a member of the New York City Police Department, likewise fraudulently received $10,500 in referral bonuses for claiming to have recruited six soldiers, the complaint said.

Simbanamuzo told investigators he obtained information on potential soldiers from recruiters who had previously assisted in the National Guard's Bronx office in exchange for his continued assistance after his active duty orders ended, the complaint said.

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Alabama chief justice orders halt to same-sex marriage licenses

Chief Justice Roy Moore said the U.S. Supreme Court decision is at odds with earlier opinions by the state's highest court, resulting in "confusion and uncertainty" among probate judges.

A newly married same-sex couple. GETTY IMAGES

Roy Moore GETTY IMAGES

Chief Justice Roy Moore of the Alabama Supreme Court ordered the state's probate judges on Wednesday not to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, despite a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court last year legalizing gay marriage.

Many of the state's judges have been issuing marriage licenses to gay and lesbian couples since the national ruling, while others refused to do so or stopped issuing licenses to any couples, Moore said.

"This disparity affects the administration of justice in this state," he said in his administrative order.

While the Alabama Supreme Court weighs the issue, probate judges "have a ministerial duty not to issue any marriage license contrary" to the state's law banning same-sex marriage, Moore said.

The effect of Moore's order was not immediately clear.

Gay marriage activists quickly rebuked it, arguing Moore does not have the authority to override higher courts.

"Chief Justice Roy Moore today issued a dead letter," said Scott McCoy, a senior staff attorney for the Southern Poverty Law Center. "This is Moore yet again confusing his role as chief justice with his personal anti-LGBT agenda."

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BRIEF

Family of grandmother shot by Chicago police wants open investigation

The family of a 55-year-old black grandmother accidentally killed by a Chicago police officer called for an end to secrecy around police misconduct cases as her funeral was held on Wednesday.

Hundreds of people attended the funeral at a Chicago church for Bettie Jones, who was fatally shot in late December after police responded to a call about a neighbor's son threatening his father with a baseball bat. The officer also shot and killed Quintonio LeGrier, 19, a black college student.

The shootings came after weeks of protests over the release of the video of a white police officer's fatal shooting of black teenager Laquan McDonald in 2014.

Protesters complained that it took more than a year for the nation's third-largest city to release the video of McDonald's shooting and the officer to face murder charges. They have called for Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel's resignation.

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Let's obsess over Amy Schumer's boyfriend

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Big news! Everyone's pretend best friend — or, if you're lucky enough to be Jennifer Lawrence, your actual best friend — Amy Schumer has a new man in her life. And describing him will probably make you jealous: Schumer is reportedly dating Chicago-based custom furniture-maker Ben Hanisch, according to E! News. So, you know, he's good with his hands and knows how to keep warm in the winter. Oh, and he's totally into being effusive about his lady, which is a definite plus. Hanisch posted a photo of him and Schumer early this week with the touching caption, "Sometimes in life you get extremely lucky, and the smartest, funniest, most beautiful woman comes along when you least expect it. Here's to what adventures 2016 brings!" Oh, and apparently things are serious enough that he got to tag along to the White House this week with her. Are you overcome with jealousy yet?

Madonna's feud with son is over a cellphone, apparently

So all this trouble Madonna is having with her teenage son, Rocco? Apparently it all comes down to a fight mother and son had over how much he's allowed to use his phone, according to the Mirror. The fight apparently took place during her "Rebel Heart" tour, which the 15-year-old promptly stormed off of after their spat. "Madonna is quite firm with Rocco, and she took his phone from him when it interfered with his studies," a source says. "She is stricter than Guy [Ritchie], and Rocco doesn't like it. When she took the phone away, it pushed him over the edge." And over to London, where he sought refuge with Dad, sparking this whole impending custody battle. Fun times.

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David Cross says he's a 'terrible liar'

The "Todd Margaret" star tells us the truth.

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David Cross's very funny series, "The Increasingly Poor Decisions of Todd Margaret," returns to IFC on Jan. 7 after a three-year hiatus. The second season ended with the end of the world (literally), so the 51-year-old comedian had some serious storyboarding to do before bringing his show back to TV.

We caught up before the premiere.

Season 2 of this show ended with Todd Margaret blowing up the entire world. How do you revive a show that ended with the apocalypse?

The short answer is, I didn't. I had no intention of revisiting the show. It felt complete. I thought we'd done a really good job there, and told the story from beginning to end just the way we had meant to. Then IFC poked me about doing a third series and I said, "No no no no no no no, but out of common courtesy and professionalism, I will approach the other writers and see if there's any ideas that they have, because I can't think of one."

Within an hour, Mark Chappell wrote up this amazing idea that was so good that I stood there going ,"Shit. I've got to do this again. I'm going to have to do this. I'm going to have to go back to London for another nine months and be away from friends and family and my dog and my house." That's how good the idea was.

To what degree will viewers be lost watching Season 3 if they missed Seasons 1 and 2?

No, not really. Here's the difference: If you go to the Museum of Modern Art, and you're looking at some big painting, like a Mark Rothko or a Jackson Pollock, you might look at it and go, "Huh, that's kind of interesting, I guess," and then you walk away. The difference between that experience and looking at that piece with someone pointing out what's interesting about this painting [is that] you walk away with a greater appreciation of it [with context.]

David Cross on the third season of "Todd Margaret. COLIN HUTTON/IFC

Both people who viewed the painting enjoyed it, but one person is going to enjoy it on a much deeper level. I would say, that would be true of someone who watches Season 3 without seeing the first two.

Todd Margaret is portrayed as a nearly pathological liar. Are you a liar? Can you remember the last lie you told?

I'm sure the last lie I told was something like, "Oh, yeah, I enjoyed it. Really good show!" or something to that effect, but I am a terrible liar. I get sweaty and I kind of get outside myself and I can see how the person is looking at me and I feel like I'm giving off a million tells and everyone can see I'm lying.

Your wife, Amber Tamblyn, has a guest role on the show. Is it weird to mix family life and professional life like that?

As for mixing family life and professional life, it's great. Any time I get to work with my wife is a treat. She's really funny and it's great to have her on set, and the same is true of Russ. I'm extremely lucky to be able to do stuff where I can employ them and pay their way over to London, you know?

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The fierce women of 'Mozart in the Jungle'

Lola Kirke, Saffron Burrows and Bernadette Peters dish on the new season of their Amazon Prime show.

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On "Mozart in the Jungle," whose second season now streams on Amazon Prime, Lola Kirke plays aspiring oboist Hailey, Saffron Burrows cellist Cynthia and Bernadette Peters orchestra exec Gloria. AMAZON

On "Mozart in the Jungle," the characters played by Lola Kirke, Saffron Burrows and Bernadette Peters represent three generations of women involved in a New York City orchestra. During the Amazon Prime show's second season, their characters — respectively, oboist Hailey, cellist Cynthia and orchestra director Gloria — struggle with their personal lives as well as with an industry in flux. We briefly spoke about changing times and not quite faking their instruments.

Like Netflix, Amazon Prime releases every single episode of its new seasons in one fell swoop. Do you binge-watch?

Bernadette Peters: I did that with "Breaking Bad."

Saffron Burrows: I just binge-watched four episodes of "Transparent" in one evening.

Lola Kirke: There are certain movies I wish were longer. Some movies I'm like, "I wish this was over half an hour ago." But some I wish I could know those characters more and see their development.

Saffron and Lola, neither of you is a professional musician, and you have to fake playing your instruments —

Burrows: We don't fake.

Kirke: I fake. The only thing I can play is the solo from Beethoven's Fifth. It's four notes long. If I say I can play the solo in Beethoven's Fifth, then you'd think I'm really good. But there's a big difference between playing a piece on the oboe and just sounding notes on it. It's hard to even sound a note on an oboe because it's a ridiculous instrument.

Burrows: You look like you're playing it. I just learn 90 seconds of everything. And when the camera keeps rolling, I'm really in trouble.

Gloria is on the management side. Do any of you tend to get involved with the business angle of your industries?

Kirke: It's hard. To understand the industry and understand why you're getting rejected all the time or why you're getting accepted all the time, that can be really interesting. It's a really difficult industry. It's beneficial to understand what's happening — that if something's not working out, it might not be that you're untalented. Or if it is working out, it's also not necessarily because of you. It's humbling.

Peters: I try not to focus on it a lot. I try to stay on the creative side.

Togetherness

"Mozart in the Jungle" is very interesting in the way it presents most of its female relationships as supportive.

Peters: We're a very supportive cast for each other. It's a real thing.

Kirke: The writers are right to show supportive roles. But you also see characters like Betty [an older oboist, played by Debra Monk], who's less supportive. You see the ways in which people can make enemies of each other. In any creative industry, it's important you find your mentors and the people who support you.

Hopefully, you have someone who does that for you. I had a manager for years, then I was kind of my own manager, as far as me saying, "I'm not going to do that." But you really don't want to be involved in that stuff. I hate it.

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O-Town: Making the band — again

Jacob Underwood opens up about getting everyone back together again.

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From left: Trevor Penick, Jacob Underwood, Dan Miller and Erik-Michael Estrada. NICK CASTER/CASTFAM.COM

You'd think that having a gaggle of girls waiting for you at the airport hoping just for a wave — or a selfie, if they're lucky — is something reserved for teen heartthrobs, but O-Town's Jacob Underwood, 35, says it's a reality for the band who's on the road for their reunion tour. "It blows our minds," he says. "It reaffirmed that people want us back."

And 15 years after exploding onto the pop scene, back they are. O-Town, who hit the big time on the MTV reality show, "Making the Band," released a new album in 2014 and is now taking a victory lap around the country promoting it.

Now or never

"We were all a little giddy in the beginning to see what was going to happen," Underwood says about getting back in the studio again. "We had never lost touch, but [talking] did become fewer and farther between because we all live in different places."

Underwood says when they got back together, it felt just like old times, although they were down a man, Ashley Parker Angel, who opted to pursue Broadway instead of rejoining the band.

"We'd been wanting to get back together as a band for a long time, but the reason why it took so many years is because one person was always out for one reason or another," Underwood says. "When it became 10 years and Ashley was out again, we thought we needed to do it as four or never do it at all. There were no hard feelings either way. Ashley's happy for us and we're happy for him."

Relating to One Direction

Underwood says losing Parker wasn't as traumatic as, say, One Direction losing Zayn Malik midtour at the height of their fame. Since he spent his 20s in a crazy popular boy band, he can imagine what life is like for them and getting older has given him a new perspective.

"I get not really understanding the blessing you have when you have it," he says. "It's going to stop at one point. You're kind of foolish to think you're always going to be on top."

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"It's more of a variety show than just a concert," Underwood says. "There's dancing, there's time for each person to talk. It's more than just about the music."

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Vedge

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Rich Landau and Kate Jacoby's highly praised all-vegan Vedge is an occasion restaurant (read: the prices of those small plates will add up quickly), but it's well worth it for herbivores and carnivores alike. Each plate offers an unexpected take on vegetables — a take that GQ magazine called "visionary." The dishes sound boring when you list them; no one ever got excited by "wood roasted carrot." So you'll just have to trust us that this deconstructed plate is something you'll be raving about after the first bite.

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The Vedge duo also runs a more casual, but just as artful, eatery on the other side of Broad, serving up vegan versions of international street food — with heat. Order something cooling, like the langos bread with smoked beets, dill and sauerkraut remoulade, to balance out the dan dan noodles with mushrooms and zucchini in a red chile and sesame sauce. And while we know we're talking about veggies here, the cocktails deserve their own mention — do not, under any circumstances, skip the Miles David in Byblos (bourbon, arak and mandarin).

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Ratchada

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The exterior doesn't look like much at this Thai and Laotian restaurant just south of Washington Avenue, but inside it's lively and warmly decorated with dark woods and Asian art. Sure, you can stick with the fried pork dumplings and crabmeat fried rice, but we recommend turning to the last page of the menu, which is all veggie options adjustable by spice level, from one pepper to the six-pepper "Thai spicy." Go for the Lovely Eggplant, a flavorful mix of eggplant and other vegetables in a garlic basil sauce, or the rich, filling panang curry with tofu.

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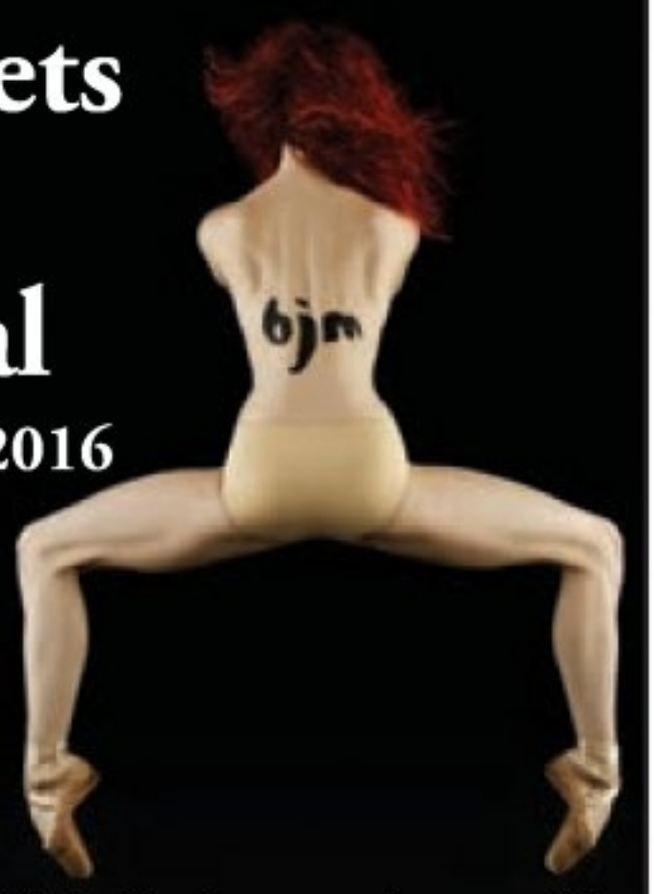

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Cratfsman Row Saloon embraces the neighborhood

George and Vasiliki Tsiouris of Opa wanted to find the right balance of old and new for their Jeweler's Row spot.

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The Reuben at Craftsman Row Saloon gets an upgrade with house-brined brisket. JAMES NAROG

With all of its retro signage and vintage jewelry shops, the intersection of Eighth and Sansom streets has a definite Old World feel to it. And when George and Vasiliki Tsiouris took over Coco's, a 30-year-old bar and grill, the restaurant was most definitely stuck in time. With a solid selection of bar fare and rock-bottom beer prices, it was the kind of place that served a purpose in the neighborhood — a local spot to grab a drink after closing up shop, a quick lunch or maybe even a stiff one after closing a particularly profitable diamond deal.

When the Tsiouris', owners of modern Greek restaurant Opa and the adjacent Drury Beer Garden, heard the bar was on the market, they jumped at the chance to take it over. "We're passionate people we like getting our hands into something new," says George.

But with a steady stream of regulars and decades-long history in the neighborhood, revamping Coco's into Craftsman Row Saloon was all about finding the ideal balance of old and new. Tearing up the carpet, adding a fresh coat of paint and a few pieces of kitschy taxidermy, the Tsiouris' flipped the space in a little over a month's time and brought in Opa sous chef Rich Freedman to tackle the menu.

"We're not trying to reinvent the wheel," Freedman says. "We're reinventing the quality."

Newcomers to this Eighth Street classic will be happy to see a playful menu of $10 cocktails like the Whiskey Pickle (whiskey, dill, lime juice and long hots) and an approachable wine list and plenty of craft drafts, but there's no arguing that it's the $4 Yuenglings and familiar fare that are keeping longtime regulars coming back for more.

On the menu

There are plenty of holdovers from the Coco's days, like French onion soup, chicken wings and corned beef sandwiches, but with Freedman in the kitchen, everything is being made in-house. Beef bones are roasted for the base of the French onion, wings are tossed in a stout glaze and the corned beef in the Reuben is house-brined brisket. Of course, some things never change, like the optional addition of Campbell's tomato soup to the cheddar, American and Swiss grilled cheese.

Even with a relatively straightforward menu, Freedman is playing with house-ground sausages and charcuterie for a meat plate, sliding seasonal vegetables into salads, and curing his own bacon for the turkey BLT.

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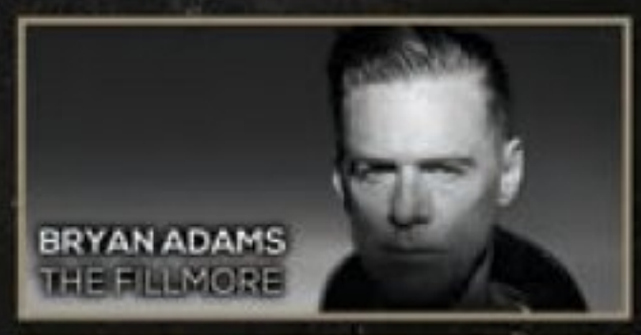
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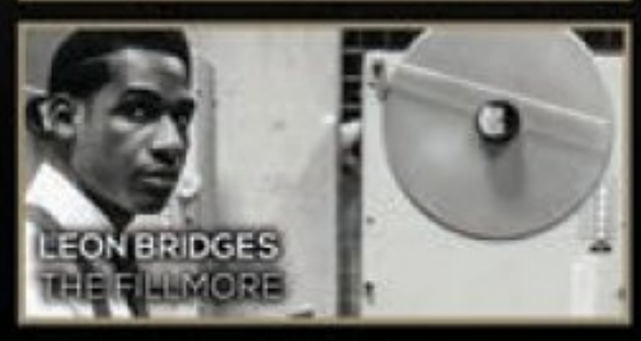
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How to spend two days in LA

Don't forget to take a photo of the famous Hollywood sign. ALL PHOTOS ISTOCK

The head of Kiehl's tells us which Los Angeles spots not to miss.

Los Angeles holds many charms for Kiehl's USA president Chris Salgardo, who says it's one of his favorite places to visit for business. (Good thing, too — he flies there about twice a month; California is the skincare brand's biggest market in the U.S. outside of New York.)

"California was my home for so many years," says Salgardo, who is based in New York City but grew up in Thousand Oaks, California.

"When I go, there's a feeling of comfort and familiarity," adds Salgardo, whose company has 63 free-standing U.S. stores and one spa in New York City. "I love the fact that there are so many different things to see — it's the entertainment capital of the world. I love just going down Hollywood Boulevard, even when it was filled with seedy theaters. There's so much happening at the Disney Concert Hall, and let's not forget about the fabulous shopping on Rodeo Drive."

Here are Salgardo's tips for making the most of two workdays in Los Angeles.

How to get to town from the airport

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Where to go right when you land

Farmers Market (6333 W. Third St.). The best donut place in the whole world is there: **Bob's Coffee and Doughnuts** (Stall 450). Get there early in the morning and get them piping hot. They have this incredible glaze that literally melts in your mouth. It's really like no other donut I've had in my life.

Where to sleep

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Best place to have a productive business meeting

Palihouse (8465 Holloway Dr., West Hollywood) is tucked away, but easy to get to for private meetings.

Team outing

Griffith Observatory (2800 E. Observatory Road) for outdoor fun and to see the "other" stars in L.A. The views are incredible, and you get something that you just don't expect in Los Angeles.

Best boite

Akbar (4356 Sunset Blvd.) is a great place to hang with the trendy Silver Lake crowd. The Friday happy hour is the best time — totally yuppy with a little bit of trendiness, which I always love to observe.

Killing time

Los Angeles County Museum of Art (5905 Wilshire Blvd.) for the incredible art, especially its Broad Contemporary Art Museum, to see some of the best Jeff Koons pieces in the world.

Favorite tourist trap

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Before you leave

Hollywood Boulevard. Everybody wants a souvenir with the Hollywood sign, and you're going to find that in spades out there. You can also get that cut-out of Brad Pitt.

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Chris Salgardo of Kiehl's suggests a stop at LACMA to see the world-renowned art collection.

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Isaiah Miles is one of two key senior stars for the Hawks. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

St. Joe's basketball boasts another dynamic duo

DeAndre Bembry and Isaiah Miles are one of the better one-two punches in college basketball.

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St. Joe's (11-3, 1-1) has found its one-two punch.

Much like the illustrious 2003-04 team which featured the stellar point guard play of Jameer Nelson and crafty forward Delonte West, the 2015-16 Hawks are led by a duo of their own in do-it-all forward DeAndre Bembry and maybe the hottest forward in the country right now — Isaiah Miles.

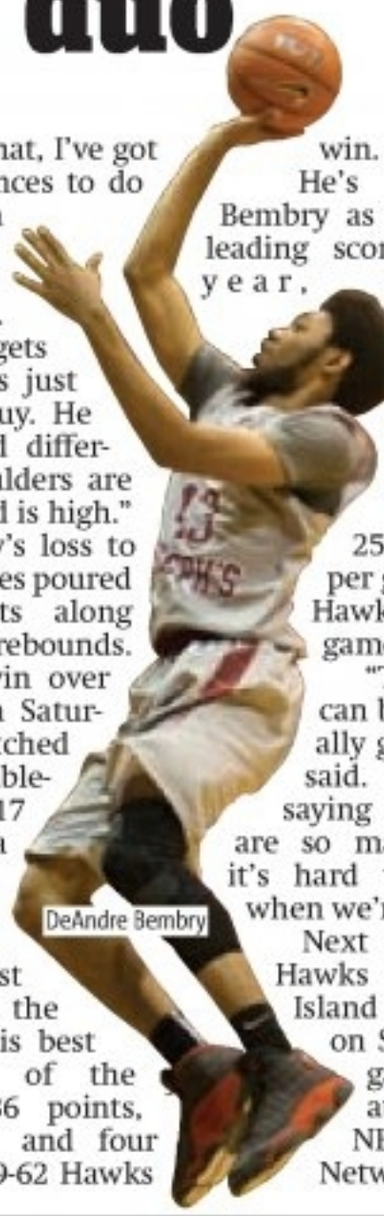
Despite a narrow 85-82 loss to the VCU Rams (10-5, 2-0) at home on Tuesday, the Hawks have the makings of an NCAA Tournament team due to the emergence of their potent duo.

Bembry, who was the most decorated player on the team coming into the season, is averaging 16.4 points, 7.7 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 1.4 steals on the year. But the play of senior forward Miles in recent games has been a pleasant surprise to the Hawks' faithful and people around the country are starting to take notice.

"I always believe a senior has two options," St. Joe's coach Phil Martelli said. "They can say, 'Been there, done that. I've done my individual work, now I deserve a certain respect, whether that's minutes played or shots taken or the way that I am expected to perform in practice.'

"[Isaiah's] been the other senior. He's said, 'You know what, I've got 30 more chances to do this, and I'm going to go out emptying my tank. … Success begets success. He is just a different guy. He walks around different. His shoulders are back, his head is high."

In Tuesday's loss to the Rams, Miles poured in 31 points along with nine rebounds. In a 77-73 win over Richmond on Saturday, he notched a strong double-double with 17 points and a career-high 16 rebounds. Two weeks ago against Virginia tech, the senior had his best performance of the year with 36 points, 15 rebounds and four blocks in a 79-62 Hawks win.



DeAndre Bembry

He's overtaken Bembry as the Hawks leading scorer on the year, averaging 18.3 points per game. He's averaging an incredible 25.3 points per game in the Hawks' past four games.

"This team can be really, really good," Miles said. "I've been saying that. There are so many pieces; it's hard to stop us when we're clicking."

Next up for the Hawks is Rhode Island (10-5, 2-0) on Sunday. The game will air at 12 p.m. on NBC Sports Network.

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Flyers need to continue to help lone All-Star Giroux

The Flyers are second-to-last in the entire NHL in goals scored.

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The Flyers, at 39 points, are just barely in the mix for a playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. GETTY IMAGES

The Flyers scored nearly five percent of their season total in goals Tuesday night, a 4-3 win against the Canadiens.

Even after netting four scores to earn their 38th and 39th points of the season to keep pace in the hunt for a playoff spot in the Eastern Conference, Philly's 82 goals land them second to last in the entire NHL. Meanwhile, Dallas has 145 goals in only four extra games played.

With Claude Giroux (29 points) representing the Flyers as the lone All-Star this season, the team knows it can't rely on he, Jake Voracek (25 points) and Wayne Simmonds (22 points) to score goals if they intend to compete in the season's second half.

"We need more out of us," Brayden Schenn, who tied a career-high with three points Tuesday, said. "We can't rely on G [Giroux], Jake [Voracek], and Simmer [Simmonds], to score every night. Most nights it will, but some nights it won't go in so you need that secondary scoring to win hockey games."

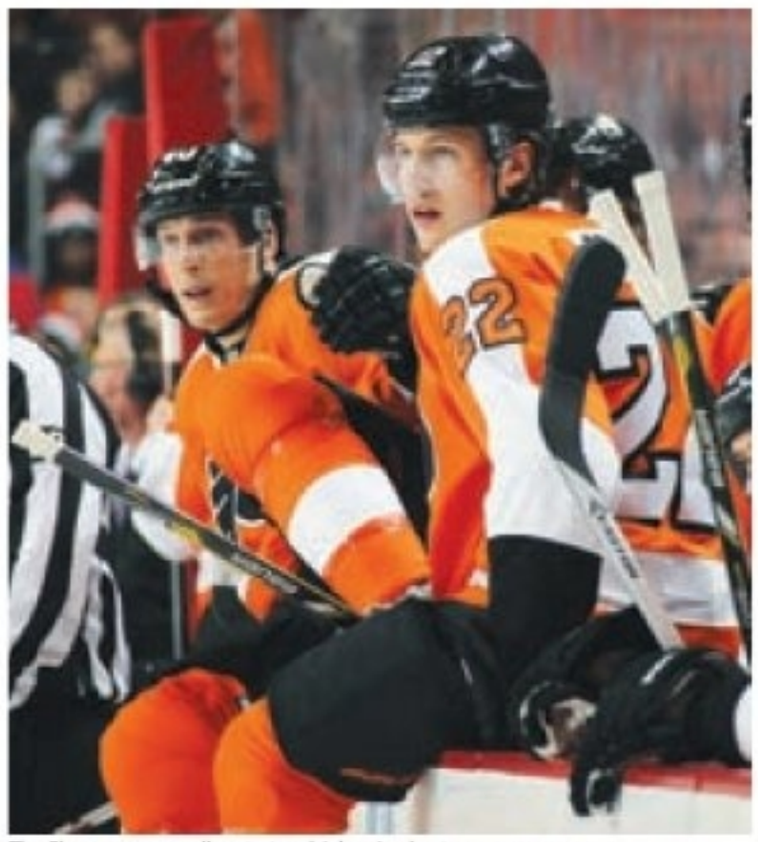
The Flyers may have suffered through some bad luck that has stifled their scoring. Despite firing the 12th most shots on goal this season, 30.1 per game, the team has only found nylon on 7.2 percent of their attempts, second worst in the NHL.

The team has a quick turnaround as they hop on a flight to Minnesota to face the Wild Thursday (8 p.m. on CSN) before returning home for a three-game homestand against three division rivals the Islanders, Bruins and Rangers.

"I think every game is important, especially the second half of the season," rookie Shayne Gostisbehere, who has seven points in his last eight games, said. "We want points every game. It shows in the standings right now, so we're just going to take it game by game and shift by shift."

"We got to get going quickly, we're a little bit behind here and we have to catch up."

Wayne Simmonds



The Flyers wave goodbye to two high-priced veterans. GETTY IMAGES

Flyers trade away Schenn, Lecavalier for Weal, pick

The Flyers are on the outside looking in for a playoff spot, lacking needed salary cap space and eager to make room for younger players.

GM Ron Hextall achieved just that Wednesday shipping off defenseman Luke Schenn and high-priced but often-scratched winger Vincent LeCavalier to the Kings in exchange for a third-round pick in 2016 and forward prospect Jordan Weal.

Many sources are reporting, however, that the club will pay 50 percent of the remaining salary on each of the veteran's contracts.

Weal had 69 points for a Kings' affiliate in 73 games. He is a Vancouver native who helped lead Manchester to a Calder Cup title while winning MVP in the AHL playoffs for his 10 goals and 12 assists. Schenn, only 26, was acquired by the Flyers in exchange for James van Riemsdyk a few seasons ago.

The trade deadline is still several weeks away, but if the Flyers can't gain ground in the Eastern Conference standings it could be the first of many moves to make way for a bevy of talented players blocked in lower levels of the Philly farm system.

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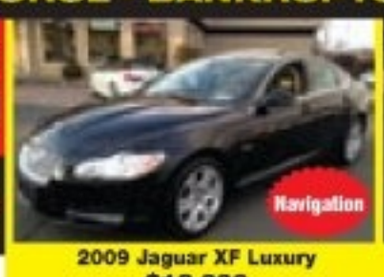

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Monday, September 12th, 2016, at 10:00 A.M.
Monday, December 5th, 2016, at 10:00 A.M.

ANGELA DOWD-BURTON, CHAIRPERSON
Economic Opportunity Review Committee

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2016 NOTICE OF VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETINGS

The Veterans Advisory Commission, established pursuant to Resolution No. 060059 (Adopted February 2, 2006), will meet in City Council Chambers (Room 400, City Hall) on the following dates and times.

Wednesday, March 9th, 2016, at 2:00 P.M.
Wednesday, June 15th, 2016, at 2:00 P.M.
Wednesday, September 14th, 2016, at 2:00 P.M.
Wednesday, December 7th, 2016, at 2:00 P.M.

GEORGE GINDER, CHAIRMAN
Veterans Advisory Commission

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2016 NOTICE OF LIVING WAGE AND BENEFITS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Living Wage and Benefits Review Committee, established and constituted pursuant to Phila. Code § 17-1311 and Resolution No. 110807, will meet in City Council Council Chambers (Room 400, City Hall) on the following dates and times:

Tuesday, March 8th, 2016, at 10:00 A.M.
Tuesday, June 14th, 2016, at 10:00 A.M.
Tuesday, September 13th, 2016, at 10:00 A.M.
Tuesday, December 6th, 2016, at 10:00 A.M.

DAVID WILSON, CHAIRPERSON
Living Wage and Benefits Review Committee

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2016 NOTICE OF STATED MEETINGS

The Philadelphia City Council will have its Regular Stated Meetings on the dates listed below. All meetings will be held at 10:00 A.M. in Room 400 City Hall, except as noted below.

Monday, January 4, 2016*
Thursday, January 21, 2016
Thursday, January 28, 2016
Thursday, February 4, 2016
Thursday, February 11, 2016
Thursday, February 18, 2016
Thursday, February 25, 2016
Thursday, March 3, 2016
Thursday, March 10, 2016
Thursday, March 17, 2016
Thursday, March 31, 2016
Thursday, April 7, 2016
Thursday, April 14, 2016
Thursday, April 21, 2016
Thursday, April 28, 2016
Thursday, May 5, 2016
Thursday, May 12, 2016
Thursday, May 19, 2016
Thursday, May 26, 2016
Thursday, June 9, 2016
Thursday, June 16, 2016
Thursday, September 8, 2016
Thursday, September 15, 2016
Thursday, September 22, 2016
Thursday, September 29, 2016
Thursday, October 6, 2016
Thursday, October 13, 2016
Thursday, October 20, 2016
Thursday, October 27, 2016
Thursday, November 3, 2016
Thursday, November 17, 2016
Thursday, December 1, 2016
Thursday, December 8, 2016

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- Eight US presidents have been born here
- The state flag is a white pelican on a blue background
- State that borders eight others
- Where Crestone Peak can be found
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- The largest state in terms of total land area
- "All for Our Country" is the state's motto
- The most recent state to join the US
- Home state of the Dynamo MLS side
- The birthplace of author Ernest Hemingway
- The most populous state
- Its capital city is Cheyenne
- Home of Wacond Lake and Cheney Reservoir

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8 Risque
12 Sponge feature
13 Livy's "it was"
14 Golfer Lorena —
16 Verse forms
17 Hollywood's -- Powers
18 Dry humor
19 Banjo cousin
20 Jam producers
22 Utter bliss
24 Anka's "Eso —"
25 Wheel buy (2 wds.)
26 Deep red
28 Slow pitch
31 "Quo --?"
34 Dwindle
35 Texas town
36 Fiji discoverer — Tasman
37 Very strict
38 Herr von Bismarck
39 Shaggy flowers
40 Tip of a pyramid
41 Refrigerator gas
42 "Harper Valley —"
43 Woolgatherers?
44 Comic-book thud
45 Donated
47 Earthshaking
51 Counter-culture slogan (2 wds.)
55 Dernier —
56 Got underway
57 Be like uranium
58 Flip through
59 Become acclimated
60 A Marx
61 Habitual
62 Canary's dinner
63 Gardner of mystery
64 Yes vote

Down

1 Russian export
2 Lowlife
3 Home tel.
4 Shark clinger
5 Expound at length
6 Margarita rim
7 Footnote abbr. (2 wds.)
8 Mr. Dangerfield
9 Field units
10 It came from Mexico
11 Egg part
12 Preside at tea
15 Hirt and Gore
20 Chignons
21 Diminished slowly
23 Opossum grippers
26 Goes postal
27 DOS alternative
29 Prefix for pod
30 Kind of companion
31 Siren
32 Lie adjacent
33 Rabble-rouser
34 Towel off
35 Soil aerators
37 Colder and wetter
41 Like a knight's lady
43 Tied the score
44 Scarab
46 Plugged in
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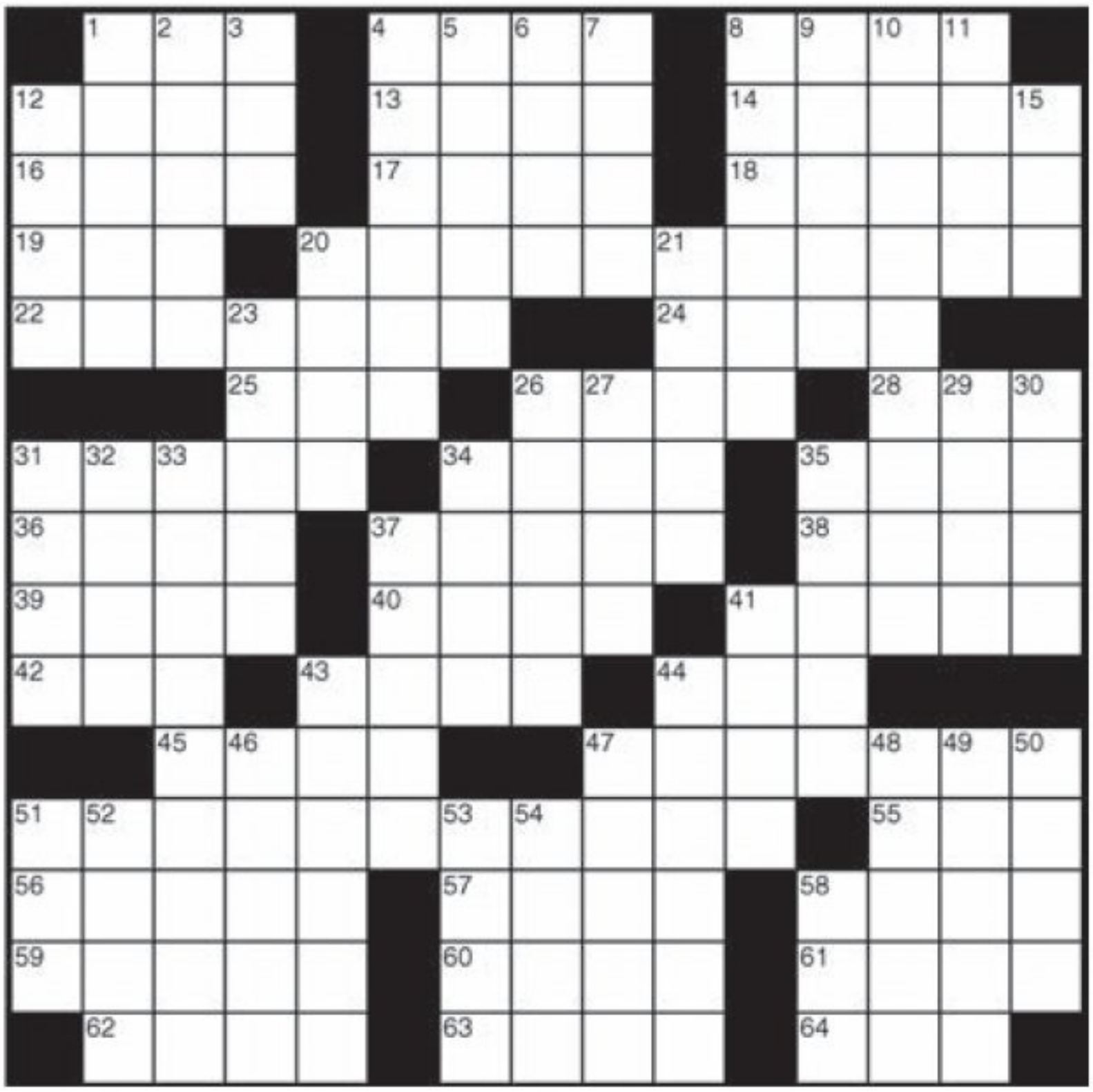

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Aries A learning experience will lead to more cash, higher self-esteem and a brighter future. Love is on the rise, and a promise can be made.

Taurus Make travel plans or sign up for something that will add to your resume. Clear up personal paperwork and address concerns involving institutions.

Gemini Express your feelings and find out where you stand. Hemming and hawing will not help you make plans for the future.

Cancer Explore your relationship options. Make a move to accommodate your current situation. Don't bicker over things you cannot change.

Leo Sign up for an adventure or take part in something that is challenging if you want to meet like-minded people. Love and romance are highlighted.

Virgo Step outside your comfort zone and put an end to whatever is holding you back. Once you put that behind you, opportunity will open.

Libra Book a trip or take time off to share something special with a loved one. Discussing your plans will give you the incentive to work hard.

Scorpio Watch your money and the people you are financially connected to. Offer innovative ideas to make sure you get the service and help you require.

Sagittarius You'll be tempted to jump into something that requires more thought and investigation. Slow down and be smart.

Capricorn Get your act together and put the past behind you. Don't fall victim to a dishonest peer or someone trying to take advantage of you.

Aquarius Conversations will bring about positive change. Don't dwell on past regrets or let someone's emotional indulgence drag you down.

Pisces Revisit a dilemma in order to figure out a solution. Putting the past behind you will allow you greater freedom to pursue something. **EUGENIA LAST**

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easy

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		7	4					3
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2			5	8			7	1

hard

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